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DEVICE	)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the continuation application filed under Rule 1.53(b) of U.S. application number 08/772,222, filed December 8, 1999, please enter the following preliminary amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

-- This application is a continuation of application number 08/772,222, filed December 20, 1996, entitled Z-TRANSFORM IMPLEMENTATION OF DIGITAL WATERMARKS. --

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2-20 without prejudice or disclaimer and add new claims 21-46 as follows:

--21. A method for encoding carrier signal independent data to a content signal, comprising:

receiving a content signal;

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